

The Invertible Matrix Theorem

1. A is invertible.
2. A is row equivalent to I_n .
3. A has n pivotal columns (all columns are pivotal).
4. $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.
5. The columns of A are linearly independent.
6. The equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a solution for all $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
7. The columns of A span \mathbb{R}^n .
8. There is a $n \times n$ matrix C so that $CA = I_n$ (A has a left inverse.)
9. There is a $n \times n$ matrix D so that $AD = I_n$ (A has a right inverse.)
10. A^T is invertible.

Example:

$$\text{Is } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ invertible?}$$

$$\text{RREF} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = I_3$$

Every column is pivotal.

$$\text{So, } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is invertible!}$$